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Anasazi Water Company, LLC Direct Testimony

Docket Nos. W-02350A-10-0163, W-20765A-10-0432, W-20770A-

10-0473, W-02350A-13-0312, and W-20770A-13-0313

File Number: 555-1208

Dear Sir/Madam:

This law firm represents Anasazi Water Company, LLC. Please find the enclosed original and 13 (thirteen) copies of the Direct Testimony of Pamela Fain, Manager of Anasazi Water Company, LLC in Support of Settlement Agreement (Docket Nos. W-02350A-10-0163, W-20765A-10-0432, W-20770A-10-0473, W-02350A-13-0312, and W-20770A-13-0313).

Thank you for your assistance, and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely

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cc: Anasazi Water Company, LLC

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF **TUSAYAN WATER DEVELOPMENT** ASSOCIATION, INC. FOR **ESTABLISHMENT OF RATES FOR WATER** SERVICE.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ANASAZI WATER CO., LLC FOR ADJUDICATION "NOT A PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION."

DOCKET NO. W-20765A-10-0432

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF HYDRO-RESOURCES, INC. FOR ADJUDICATION "NOT A PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION."

DOCKET NO. W-20770A-10-0473

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DOCKET NO. W-02350A-13-0312

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF HYDRO-RESOURCES, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND **NECESSITY TO PROVIDE WATER** SERVICE.

DOCKET NO. W-20770A-13-0313

ANASAZI WATER COMPANY, LLC'S NOTICE OF FILING TESTIMONY

Anasazi Water Company, LLC, by and through its undersigned counsel hereby files the testimony of Manager Pamela Fain in support of the settlement in the abovecaptioned matter.

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 10th day of April, 2014.

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DIRECT TESTIMONY

OF

PAMELA FAIN

MANAGER OF ANASAZI WATER COMPANY, LLC IN SUPPORT OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

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PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, COMPANY, AND TITLE. Q.

A. My name is Pamela Fain. I am the manager for Anasazi Water Company. LLC ("Anasazi").

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?

Α. The purpose of my testimony is to support the proposed settlement agreement between Anasazi, the Arizona Corporation Commission Utilities Division ("Staff"), Hydro-Resources, Inc. ("Hydro"), Town of Tusayan Arizona ("Town"), Squire Motor Inns, Inc. ("Squire") and Tusayan Water Development Association, Inc. ("TWDA") (collectively referred to as "Signatory Parties") filed on August 13, 2013 in this proceeding. In supporting the proposed Settlement Agreement, I discuss the settlement process, as well as the terms of the Settlement Agreement and the public interest.

II. Settlement Process

PLEASE PROVIDE A SUMMARY OF THE PROCEEDING LEADING UP Q. THE SETTLEMENT.

On March 28, 1979, the Arizona Corporation Commission issued a CC&N to TWDA, which authorized it to provide water service in the Tusayan, Arizona area. At the time, the TWDA CC&N was appropriate for the provision of water to customers in the unincorporated community of Tusayan. Over the years, Tusayan grew, and the TWDA CC&N became problematic as it provided unequal rates to customers in the same CC&N.

On April 29, 2010, TWDA filed a rate application, Docket No. W-02350A-10-0163, with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission"). At the time, TWDA purchased water from two wholesale providers, Hydro and Anasazi. Although TWDA held the CC&N, Staff was concerned that Hydro and Anasazi were acting as public Flagstaff, Arizona

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service corporations, and TWDA was acting as their billing agent. Staff therefore asked the companies to either file for a CC&N or apply to be adjudicated not a public service corporation.

Both Hydro and Anasazi applied to be adjudicated not a public service corporation, and the adjudications and rate applications were consolidated (collectively "ACC Adjudication"). Since that time, numerous procedural conferences have been held. Tusayan Ventures, LLC, the Town and Squire have all been granted leave to intervene in the ACC Adjudication. Although originally engaged. Tusayan Ventures, LLC ultimately decided not to participate in this Settlement.

On August 13, 2013, TWDA, Anasazi, Hydro, the Town, and Staff entered into a Settlement Agreement designed to resolve the parties' differences by simplifying the provision of water utility service in the town.

Q. WHICH PARTIES PARTICIPATED IN THE SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATIONS?

Since the goals of the negotiations changed over time, each party's level of A. involvement changed accordingly. TWDA, Anasazi, Hydro, the Town, and Staff have all actively participated in the settlement negotiations from their inception in 2010 until the settlement agreement entered in August 2013.

PLEASE DESCRIBE THE SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATIONS.

The settlement negotiations were open, transparent, and inclusive. Each party Α. was given an equal opportunity to participate and express their respective positions and their desired result. As is the nature of settlement negotiations, no single party received everything they wanted. Yet there was a genuine desire and commitment on the part of all of the signatory parties to reach a compromise in the best interests of all parties.

WHAT WAS THE OUTCOME OF THE SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATIONS? Q.

Anasazi was able to come to an agreement on all of the issues with the major Α. participants that were directly involved (i.e. Staff, Hydro and TWDA). Additionally, the 2

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other parties, the Town and Squire, both participated and have agreed to the terms and conditions of the settlement agreement. If approved by the Commission, the agreement will consolidate the water delivery infrastructure into a single system that is owned, managed, and controlled by Hydro. The agreement requires, among other things, that: (1) Anasazi will terminate its existence and convey to Hydro certain physical plant and property, and other miscellaneous equipment; (2) Hydro will apply for a CC&N covering the area currently within TWDA's CC&N; (3) TWDA will apply for cancellation of its CC&N, and (4) Hydro and Anasazi will transfer certain assets to Red Feather Properties Limited Partnership ("RFP") to allow it to serve itself. The settlement negotiations produced results that benefit all parties, are in the public interest, and are just and reasonable.

III. Terms of the Settlement Agreement

WHAT ARE THE MAJOR TERMS OR PROVISIONS OF THE SETTLEMENT Q. AGREEMENT?

- The following terms are contained in the proposed Settlement Agreement:
 - Anasazi will transfer to Hydro certain assets that will be necessary for Hydro to provide water service, including physical plant and property, water distribution lines and meters, and easements and rights-of-way. Anasazi will dissolve, wind up and terminate its existence.
 - TWDA will apply for deletion/cancellation of its CC&N and Hydro will file an application for a new CC&N covering generally the same area and providing service to TWDA's existing customers in the Certified Area except for the property owned by RFP, which shall provide water to itself.
 - Hydro will acquire from Anasazi the physical plant and property, and property rights described above. It will provide service to customers

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currently served by TWDA in the Tusayan area except for the RFP campus. Hydro will also transfer to RFP the water distribution lines and fire hydrants located on the RFP campus to allow it to serve itself.

Additionally, Squire and Hydro shall enter into a new contract or amend their existing water supply contract to ensure that Squire is a private, stand-alone point of service that sells water to Hydro.

IV. Public Interest

- Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN WHY THE COMMISSION'S APPROVAL OF THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT RESULTS IN RATES, CHARGES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE THAT ARE JUST AND REASONABLE AND IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST.
- A. In my opinion, the Agreement is fair, balanced and in the public interest. Hydro is an established entity with the ability to service the CC&N. It will continue to serve the customers of the CC&N with no foreseeable issues. The proposed settlement balances the interests of TWDA, Anasazi, and Hydro and the ratepayers in the CC&N by creating a single utility with uniform rates. Hydro will have the tools and financial health to provide safe, adequate, and reliable service, while complying with Commission requirements at just and reasonable rates.
- Q. DOES THAT CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF THE **AGREEMENT?**
- A. Yes.